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SUBJECT: ALGERIA CRITICIZES FRANCE OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
CHAD

1. IN SPITE OF PERSISTENT SIGNS THAT FRANCE AND ALGERIA
ARE ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS, NEWS COVERAGE
OF ALGERIAN MEDIA HAS HIGHLIGHTED ALLEGED FRENCH ROLE
IN RECENT CHADIAN DEVELOPMENTS, WHILE EDITORIALS HAVE
CRITICIZED FRENCH POLICY STRONGLY.

2. MOST DIRECT CRITICISM APPEARS IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED
ALGIERS DAILY IN ARABIC, "ASH-SHA'B", WHICH WRITES IN
FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL APRIL 22: "BATTLES IN CHAD COME
FEW WEEKS AFTER SEBHA AGREEMENT, WHICH GAVE HOPE THAT
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ONE AREA OF TENSION ON OUR CONTINENT WOULD DISAPPEAR.
IN OUR ESTIMATION, THESE BATTLES ARE MERELY EXTERNAL
ASPECT OF GREAT CONSPIRACY TO TRANSFORM AFRICA INTO
BATTLEFIELD FOR DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS AND FOIL ANY
EFFORT AND POSITIVE STEP THAT STATES OF CONTINENT
TAKE TO SOLVE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF THEIR PEOPLES WITH-
OUT RECOURSE TO INTERVENTION OF FOREIGN FORCES."

3. "IT APPEARS ... THAT OFFICIAL QUARTERS OF FRANCE WERE NOT FAR FROM ABORTION OF SEBHA AGREEMENT, SINCE THEY PUT VARIOUS PRESSURES ON PRESIDENT MAALOUUM'S GOVERNMENT TO BACK OFF FROM IT. INDEED, THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO SEND QUANTITIES OF ARMS TO CHADIAN GOVERNMENT BY NIGHT, ALONG WITH UNITS OF FOREIGN LEGION AND PARACHUTISTS, IN SPITE OF AGREEMENT OF CEASEFIRE AND REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BASES FROM CHADIAN TERRITORY."

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